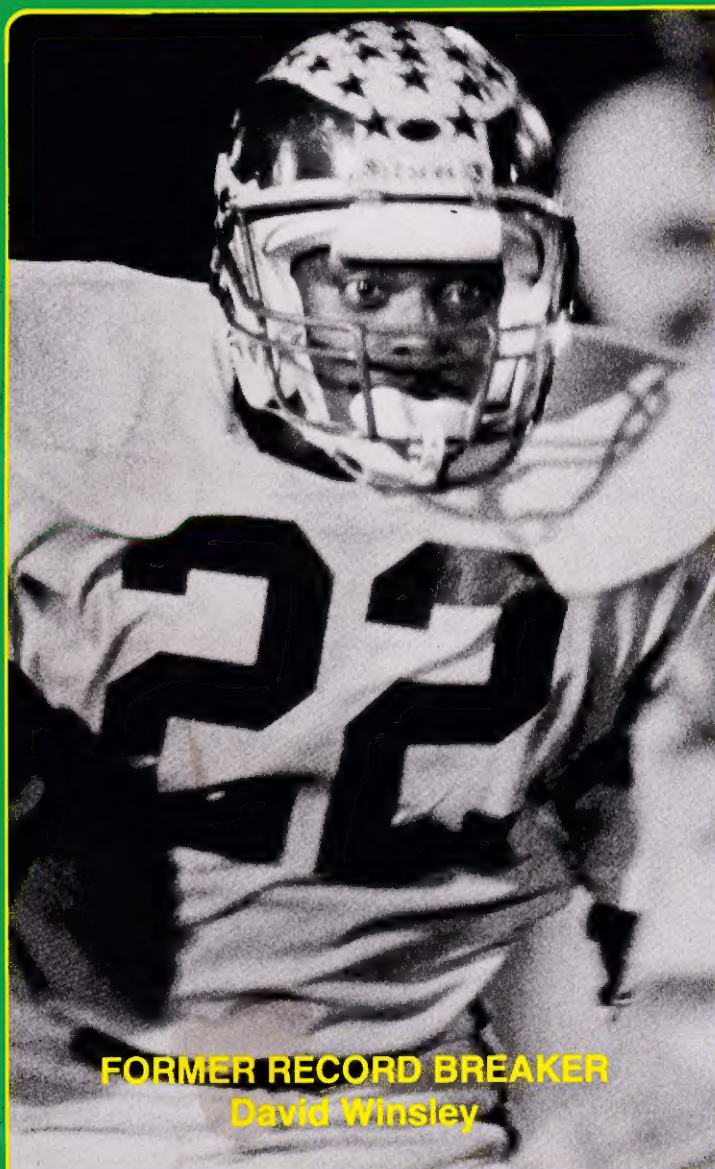


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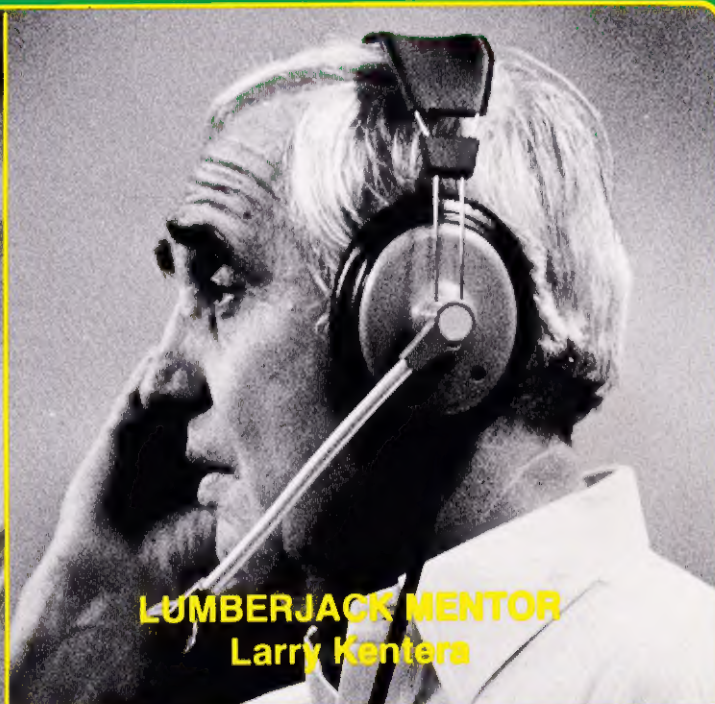
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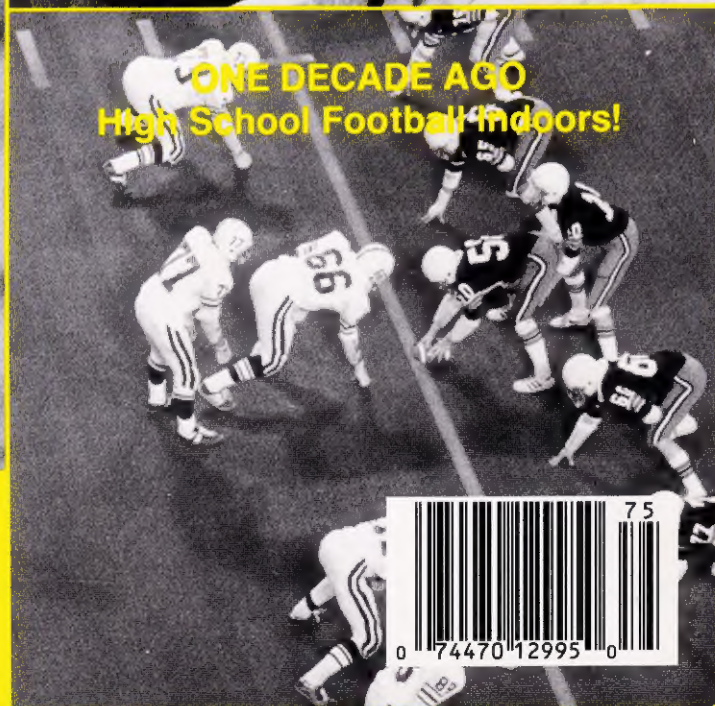
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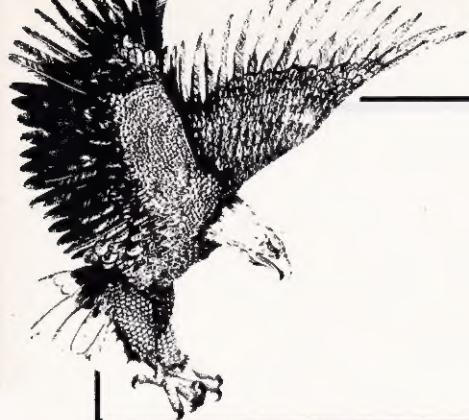
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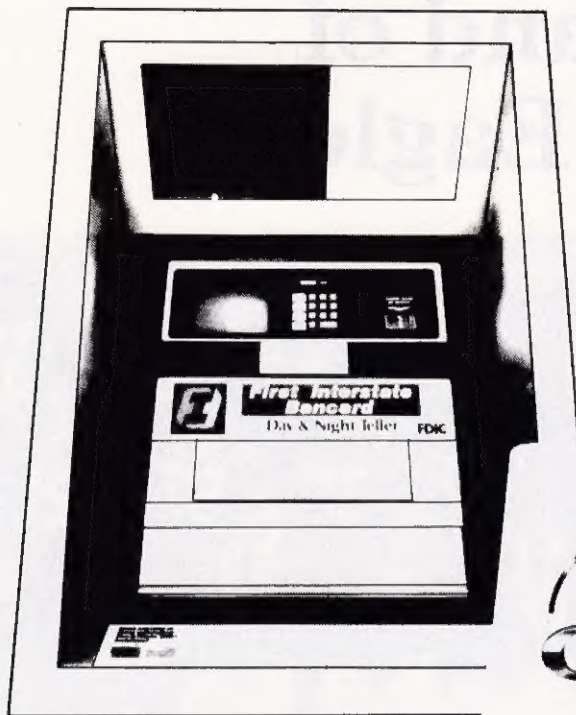
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Last year, Greg Wyatt passed for 2,862 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Lumberjacks a Factor in the Big Sky Kentera, Wyatt Chopping Down Trees

By David Kukulski

The future didn't look too bright. After all, if the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks were going to post their first winning season since 1979, a opening-day victory over Southern Utah was important. Getting the season off to a good start in front of a healthy Skydome crowd was crucial to second-year coach Larry Kentera and his troops.

Instead, the heavily-favored Lumberjacks stumbled to an embarrassing 27-17 defeat. Some hard questions were asked. Senior quarterback Craig Austin, who had thrown for over 1700 yards in '85, was benched in favor of redshirt freshman Greg Wyatt. Could the fans expect another 4-7 or 3-8 seasonal mark? The answer was a resounding NO!

Wyatt was inexperienced and he made some mistakes. But in a word, he was

magnificent, completing 250 of 392 passes (an incredible 64%) for 2862 yards and 17 scores. The Jacks prevailed in seven of their final 10 outings and tied with Idaho for second place in the Big Sky Conference. Along the way, conference rivals Weber State, Montana, Idaho, Boise State and Idaho State bit the dust. Only a 27-17 final game loss to Big Sky champ Nevada-Reno kept Kentera's boys from a spot in the NCAA Division 1-AA playoffs.

As the '87 campaign nears, the coaching staff hopes that the substantial graduation losses suffered by the defense can be overcome. It was a very good defense, with some hard-nosed and talented players. As a group, the NAU defensive charge allowed just 288 yards per game (99 on the ground and 189 through the

air). They closed out the year ranked second in the Big Sky and 14th nationally in total defense.

Standouts Tom Gibson, Greg Roskopf, Mark Yuhas, Gary Galante, DeJuan Robinson, George Duarte and Scooter Justiani won a treasure of regional and national plaques and awards before using up their collegiate eligibility. Gibson, an imposing 6-9, 265-pound defensive lineman, appears to have a future in the NFL, after being drafted by the New England Patriots last spring.

This season's leaders up front should be seniors Scott Johnson (6-2,238,DE), James Jackson (6-1,272,DT), juniors Tony Battiest (6-3,268,DE), Sandy Woodward (6-0,245,DT) and Chris Glaze (6-3,270,DT). Johnson contributed 58 tackles, nine sacks and two fumbles.

1987 NAU SCHEDULE

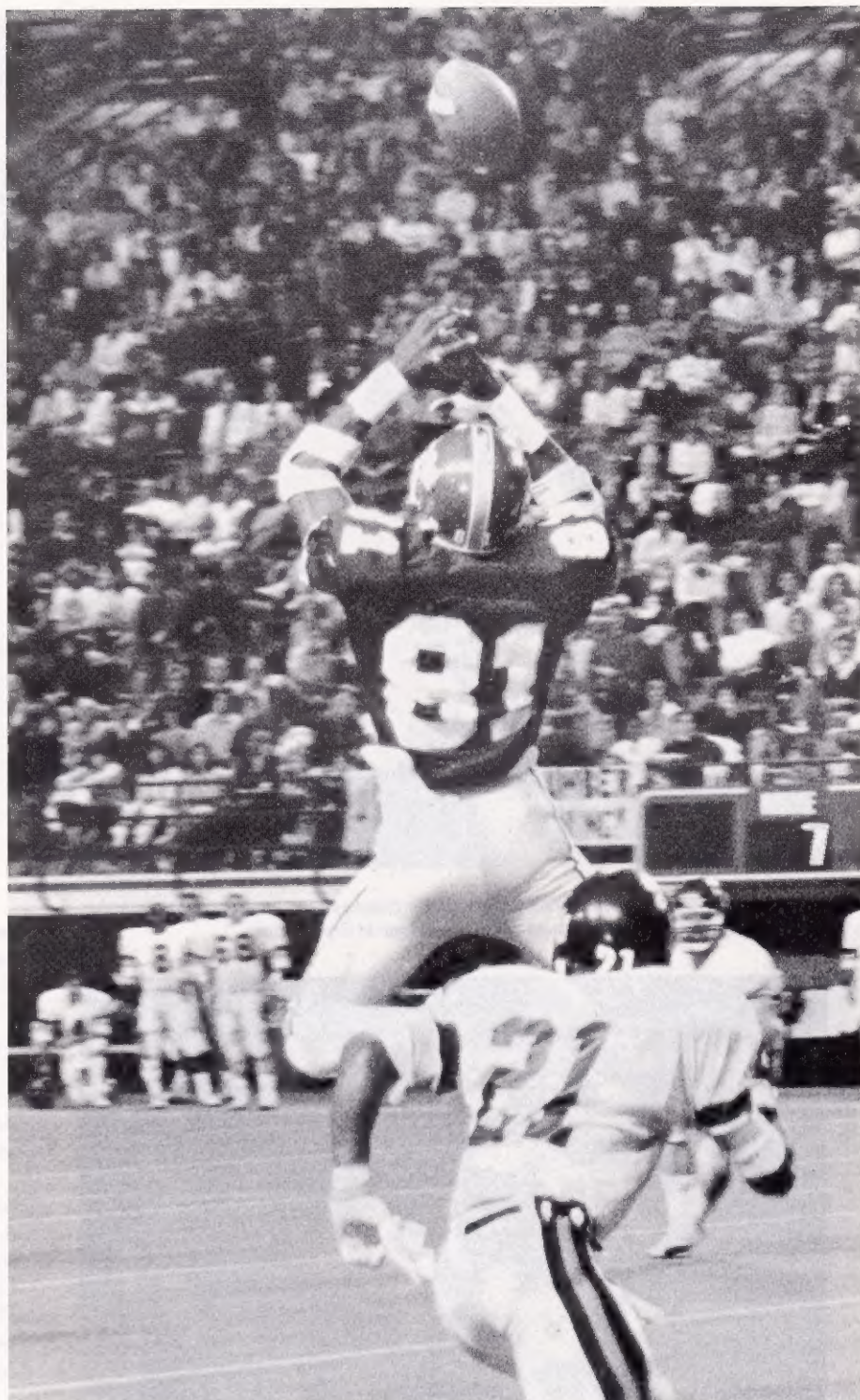
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Oct 10	at Weber St.
Oct 17	at Idaho St.
Oct 24	Montana St.
Oct 31	at E. Washington
Nov 7	at Tulsa
Nov 14	at Boise St.
Nov 21	Nevada-Reno

ble recoveries in '86, his first as a Lumberjack after earning All-American recognition at Mesa Community College. Battiest is a diamond in the rough, while Glaze is a good-looking JC transfer.

Junior linebackers Brian Liebrock (6-2,231), Peter Jonovich (6-2,218), Derek Zazueta (6-3,238) and Alex Gilmete (6-3,230,JC transfer) will get the majority of playing time at their positions. The secondary probably will be tested early and often in the pass-happy Big Sky. Kentera is counting on seniors Clark Osborne (5-9,175), Brian Stewart (5-11,173), juniors John Dierking (6-0,188), Henry Miller (6-0,175), Jed Shorty (6-0,190), Dewayne Shavers (5-11,171), sophomores Joe Ayers (6-3,196), Rick Cooper (6-1,165) and Darrell Hinton (6-0,175) to get the job done. The Jacks have led the conference in pass defense for the past three seasons; doing that in '87 might be a little too much to ask.

Hey, don't forget about that exciting NAU offense, where eight of 11 first-teamers are raring to go. When Wyatt isn't looking upfield for targets, he'll be handing the ball to a respectable bunch of runners, headed by seniors Donri Roberson (5-9,201), Allen Rouse (5-9,197), James Chambers (6-1,203) and soph Anthony Hall (6-0,205). They accounted for nearly 1300 yards in '86. Highly-rated newcomers Charles Matthews (6-1,193,Jr.) and LaVon Worley (5-7,180,Fr.) will add explosiveness and depth. A more productive ground game is definitely a goal for '87, an obtainable goal.

The receiving corps is just outstanding. First and foremost is a dynamite tight end, 6-4, 221-pound Shawn Collins, a junior. He snared 70 balls for 1016 yards and four touchdowns last campaign, good for second in the Big Sky and fourth nationally in 1-AA competition. He caught six



Shawn Collins (81) just misses this pass in Skydome vs. Boise State.

BEST OF THE LUMBERJACKS

QB: Greg Wyatt	6-3,198,So
RB: Donri Roberson	5-9,201,Sr
RB: Allen Rouse	5-9,197,Sr
TE: Shawn Collins	6-4,221,Jr
C: Rod Leota	6-2,270,Sr
DE: Scott Johnson	6-2,238,Sr



Above, fullback Donri Roberson high-steps through the Idaho State defense. Below, Shawn Collins again, on the loose against Boise State.



passes for 167 yards in the first half against Weber State last year. The sky's the limit for Collins. Juniors Larry Huff (5-9,161) and Sandy Sledge (6-0,170) figure to start at the wideouts, with Chris Baniszewski, Michael Haynes, Herb Duncan, Todd Barnhart and Darren Carrington providing backup support. These guys will be busy.

The blocking chores will be handled by returning regulars Vince Beemiller (6-4,281,OT), Pat Meech (6-2,276,OT), Rod Leota (6-2,270,C) and new starters Frank Pollack (6-5,271,OG) and Keith Politte (6-0,258,OG). Leota was a first-team all-conference pick in '86. Depth could be a problem here.

Assuming the place kicking duties will be Mickey Penaflor, a promising sophomore who will attempt to replace the graduated Goran Lingmerth. There have been easier assignments. Lingmerth merely booted 23 field goals in 29 tries, including a NCAA record (8-for-8) in NAU's big 24-0 win over Idaho. The punter will be soph Rhober Brafford.

It doesn't sound half bad, does it? Well, Kentera, Wyatt and friends will need all the firepower they can muster to compete with the likes of Nevada-Reno, Boise State and new member Eastern Washington in the '87 Big Sky shootout. Stay tuned.

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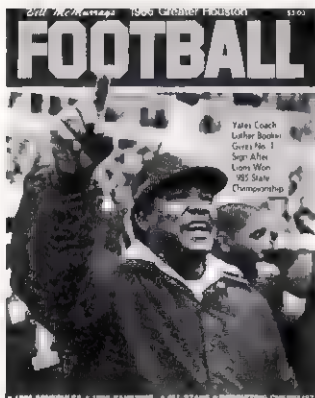
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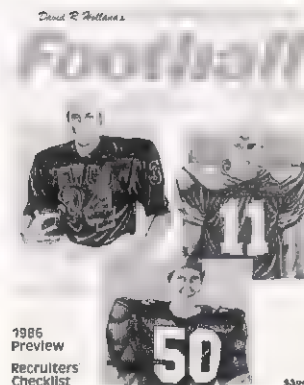
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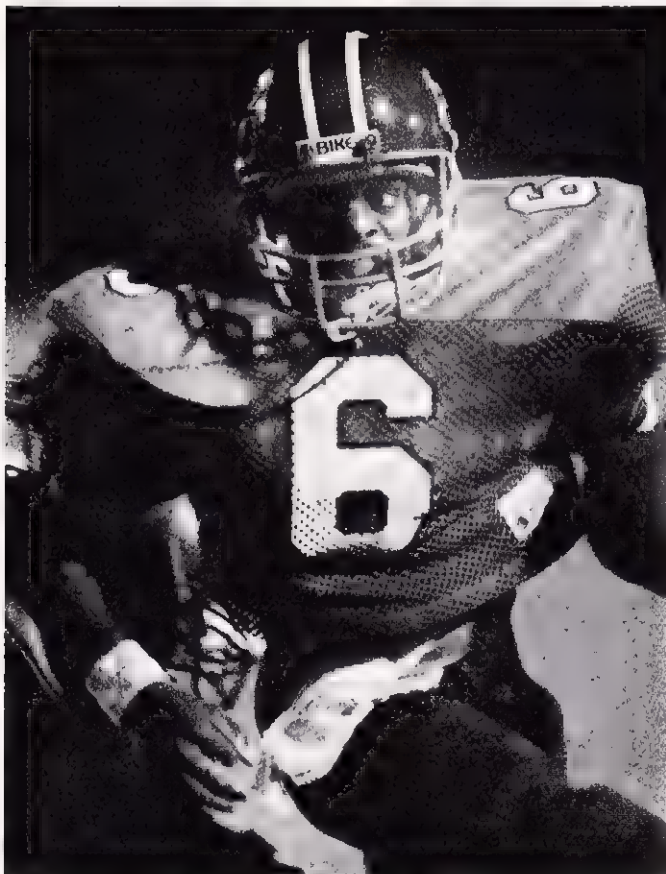
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1987 LUMBERJACK RECRUITS

Position/Recruit	Hometown
QB..Joe Carter, 6-4, 205	Phoenix, AZ
RB..*Charles Matthews, 6-1, 193	Scottsdale, AZ
RB..LaVon Worley, 5-7, 180	Phoenix, AZ
SE..Derek Mason, 5-11, 180	Phoenix, AZ
TE..Eric Carpenter, 6-4, 210	Fullerton, CA
TE..*Jeff Sampson, 6-5, 230	Van Nuys, CA
OL..*Alvin Bird, 6-3, 270	Honolulu, HI
OL..Art Dennis, 6-4, 250	Los Angeles, CA
OL..*Alex Tosheff, 6-3, 270	Mission Viejo, CA
OL..Andrew Maloata, 6-5, 250	San Jose, CA
OL..Anthony Navarro, 6-4, 260	Los Angeles, CA
OL..Lawrence Misa, 6-5, 297	San Diego, CA
OL..Darren Dudgeon, 6-2, 240	El Toro, CA
OL..*Mike Guerrero, 6-5, 270	San Jose, CA



Charles Matthews: Eloy to Scottsdale CC, to NAU.



(Arizona Republic)

Kentera likes this recruiting class.

Position/Recruit	Hometown
DL..*Chris Glaze, 6-3, 270	Van Nuys, CA
DL..Tim Burton, 6-6, 220	El Cajon, CA
DL..Steve Kloppel, 6-4, 255	Santa Fe, NM
LB..Darren Brooks, 6-2, 200	Tempe, AZ
LB..Marc Hartman, 6-3, 190 ...	Huntington Beach, CA
LB..*Alex Gilmete, 6-3, 230	Hayward, CA
DB..*Henry Miller, 6-0, 175	Compton, CA
DB..*Jed Shorty, 6-0, 190	Mesa, AZ
DB..Sean Roundtree, 5-11, 173	Mesa, AZ

*junior college recruit



(Mike Oestreich)

Winslow's Claude Renfro (88) fights off block, and watches teammates surround Coconino's Jim McKerracher (40) in first indoor battle, won by the Bulldogs.

Domecoming: Winslow 7, Coconino 2

It wasn't a classic battle. But it was historic. Over 6,000 football fans looked on as Coconino battled Winslow in the first Arizona high school game ever staged indoors, played on the green carpet at the Northern Arizona University dome.

The date was October 14, 1977.

Expected by many to suffer annihilation at the hands of Class AA juggernaut Winslow, the Panthers fought to the final minute before suffering a 7-2 loss.

"Our offense was totally inadequate," Coconino head coach Bill Epperson told the *Arizona Daily Sun*.

Winslow mentor Emil Nasser, who would win 224 games before his retirement in 1982, said the excitement surrounding the Friday night history-maker hindered his team's performance. "We were too tight," he said. "We played too close to the belt, which was my fault."

Bulldog QB Shawn Smith scored eight

of the game's nine points — six for Winslow on an 8-yard sweep and two for Coconino on a safety. Just before the half he was called for intentionally grounding a pass from his own end zone, resulting in the two points for Coconino.

The game was Coconino's 1977 homecoming, and the 7-2 loss marked the first Coconino home setback since a 1973 loss to another Emil Nasser-coached squad.

The Panthers recorded minus-four yards rushing against the tough Bulldog defenders. Many of those backtrack yards came on QB sacks as sophomore Tim Salen, who would later play at Minnesota and Arizona State University, had little time in the pocket. His father Joe was the NAU head coach at the time.

Although Salen and his teammates couldn't generate any offense that night, their defense was nothing short of lethal.

Although they won, Winslow's offense found itself struggling for air.

The Coconino defense should have considered suing the offense for non-support. The Panthers held the favored Bulldogs, only to see their own offense dance off the field shortly thereafter to the tune of "one, two, three and punt."

Coconino managed just one first down in the second half as the homecoming fans learned that football dreams don't always come true.

"This week is over and done with," Epperson told his team in the post-game locker room. "This may have been the longest week in Coconino history."

The loss on the green carpet dropped Coconino to 3-3 on the season, 1-1 in the AA-North. Winslow moved to 5-1 and 1-0. When the script came to an end one month later, Winslow finished with a 9-2 log, Coconino 6-4. Canyon del Oro of

Tucson defeated Gilbert for the Class AA championship. Epperson, the Panthers' original coach when the school opened varsity play in 1967, stepped down after the 1979 campaign, with an 85-40-1 career mark. Both his 1973 and 1974 teams won back-to-back state championships. The star of those teams was QB/TB Ray Smith, later a standout at NAU who currently coaches in Kingman.

There has been many more exciting high school games played in the dome since then. In fact, crowds exceeding

"This week is over and done with. This may have been the longest week in Coconino history."

10,000 have watched rivals Coconino and Flagstaff fight for the city crown. Flagstaff won four consecutive Class AA championships between 1981-84.

Has it really been 10 years since that historic Friday? Yes indeed, and ironically, it comes on the same year that voters in nearby Apache County have elected to build a dome for the football legions at Round Valley High School. But for you football trivia buffs, remember these few facts: Emil Nasser and Bill Epperson were the first opposing coaches, and Winslow's Shawn Smith scored the first-ever touchdown. He also recorded a safety.

Winslow's Victor Martinez kicked the extra point. Final score: Winslow 7, Coconino 2.



(Mike Oestreicher)

Sophomore quarterback Tim Salem (10) looks over the Winslow defense, and Bulldog linebacker Victor Martinez (77) looks over the Coconino offense.



Coconino head coach Bill Epperson (middle) listens to Winslow's Emil Nasser after 7-2 loss to the 'Dogs. Nasser retired after the 1981 season, with 224 wins under his belt.



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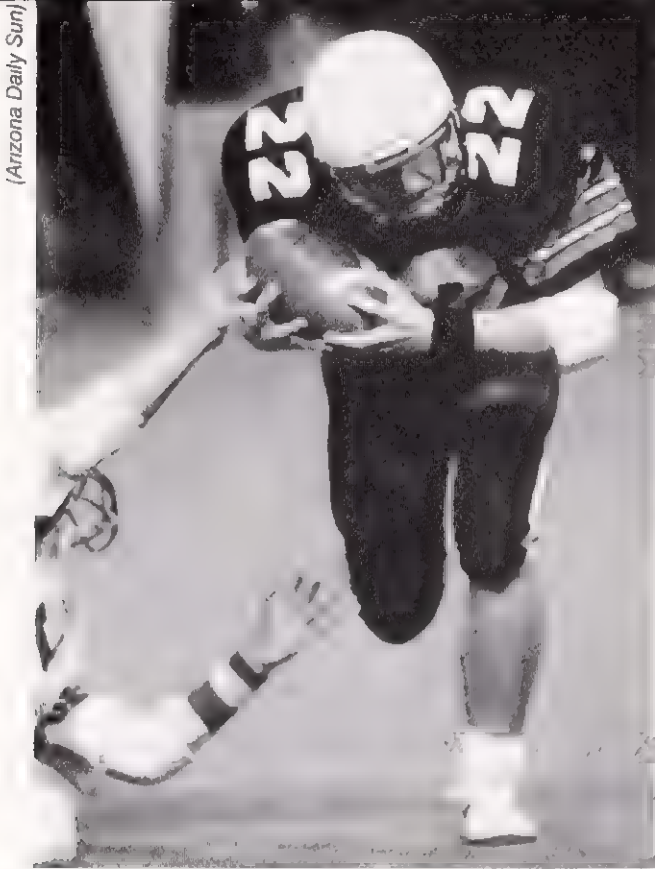
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(Arizona Daily Sun)

Coconino defensive back Andy Wachter.

This is Flagstaff Football's checklist of outstanding varsity players for the 1987 high school season...

QB..Mike Budenholzer, Holbrook, 6-1, 170
 QB..Keola Bandmann, Page, 5-10, 185
 QB..Mike Caputo, Flagstaff, 6-3, 190
 RB..Pup Gill, Flagstaff, 5-10, 185
 RB..Germaine Mayberry, Winslow, 5-11, 170
 RB..Mike Madaras, Lake Havasu, 5-11, 180
 WB..Robert Cottrell, Flagstaff, 5-6, 165
 WR..Scott Alexander, Holbrook, 5-9, 175
 WR..Troy Nodlinski, Payson, 5-10, 150
 TE..Tom Baldwin, Snowflake, 6-5, 210
 TE..Morgan Johnson, Round Valley, 6-4, 215
 TE..Chris Weller, Coconino, 6-2, 200
 IL..Phillip Lovejoy, Parker, 6-3, 200
 IL..Ray Tso, Ganado, 6-4, 240
 IL..Stuart Johnson, Round Valley, 6-4, 210
 LB..Mike Brown, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-10, 170
 LB..Richard Baldwin, Mingus Union, 6-2, 215
 DB..Guy Grover, Prescott, 5-11, 175
 DB..Kevin Rush, Payson, 6-1, 160
 DB..Andy Wachter, Coconino, 5-9, 180
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Keola Bandmann, Page, 5-10, 185
Steve Lennex, Salome, 6-2, 170
Mike Caputo, Flagstaff, 6-3, 190
Trent Thompson, Chinle, 6-0, 185



linemen

Phillip Lovejoy, Parker, 6-3, 200
Jason Gibson, Snowflake, 6-2, 200
Armando Baldenegro, Parker, 6-1, 180
Jeff Seaney, Mohave, 6-4, 225
Walt Hemingway, Mohave, 6-4, 230
Robert Esquibel, Kingman, 6-1, 195
Ray Tso, Ganado, 6-4, 240
Ron Thompson, Ganado, 6-4, 240
Greg McGuire, Flagstaff, 6-2, 205(jr)
Todd Bishop, Flagstaff, 5-10, 175
Darby Walters, Tuba City, 5-10, 195
John Acosta, Blue Ridge, 6-4, 250(jr)
Rick Coronado, Chinle, 6-4, 290
Trent Kartsner, Holbrook, 6-3, 230
Randy Blum, Mingus Union, 6-4, 230(jr)
Morgan Johnson, Round Valley, 6-4, 215
Stuart Johnson, Round Valley, 6-4, 210
Ralph Sedillo, Coconino, 6-2, 180



receivers

Chris Weller, Coconino, 6-2, 200
Scott Alexander, Holbrook, 5-10, 165
Troy Nodlinski, Payson, 5-10, 150
Steve McLaren, Joseph City, 6-0, 185
Tom Baldwin, Snowflake, 6-5, 210
Dusty Miller, Parker, 5-11, 165
Robert Cottrell, Flagstaff, 5-6, 165
Gabe Maxwell, Round Valley, 6-0, 160
Myron Hansen, Coconino, 5-9, 150



running backs

Pup Gill, Flagstaff, 5-10, 185
Germaine Mayberry, Winslow, 5-11, 170
Jon Peterson, Snowflake, 5-9, 150
Gary Smith, Mohave, 6-1, 200
Steve Stone, Camp Verde, 6-2, 200(jr)
Trevor Vanderplatts, Kingman, 6-2, 200
Chad Trott, Flagstaff, 6-1, 190(jr)
Byron Harvey, Tuba City, 5-8, 170
Jeff Holly, Blue Ridge, 5-8, 155(jr)
Mike Madaras, Lake Havasu, 5-11, 180
Greg Alexander, Payson, 6-2, 190
Reggie Hannah, Coconino, 5-9, 150



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Warren Simpson, Snowflake, 6-0, 190
Billy Lonon, Kingman, 6-2, 205



linebackers

Mike Brown, Bradshaw Mtn., 5-10, 170
Brian Hall, Snowflake, 5-9, 165
Mike Goodwin, Kingman, 6-2, 205
Mike Hardy, Winslow, 6-0, 185
Robert Allsup, Flagstaff, 5-10, 190
Clint Cross, Mayer, 6-2, 170(jr)
Richard Baldwin, Mingus Union, 6-1, 215
Antonio Cortes, Coconino, 5-9, 170



defensive backs

Guy Grover, Prescott, 5-11, 175
Robbie Robertson, Salome, 5-10, 170
Bill Waterworth, Mayer, 5-7, 155
Dale Begay, Tuba City, 5-9, 155
Kevin Rush, Payson, 6-1, 160
Allen Brown, Williams, 6-0, 165
Andy Wachter, Coconino, 5-9, 180



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On the Loose: Flagstaff's Pup Gill runs past Glendale Independence.

Eagles: The Team To Beat

The Eagles, one of the two winningest programs in northern Arizona in the past decade, should be back in the playoff race after a year's rest. Flagstaff, 6-4 after catching the injury bug, should rebound with 19 letter winners back, including an experienced QB in Mike Caputo and a gifted TB in Pup Gill.

Caputo (6-3, 190) was 9-2 as a soph signal caller, 5-0 as a junior before breaking his thumb. He runs 40 yards in 4.8 seconds and has a 3.7 GPA. Gill (5-10, 185), a senior with 4.4 speed on artificial turf, averaged 7.0 yards per carry, and is the next in a long line of great Flagstaff running backs.

Senior WB/DB Robert Cottrell (5-6, 165) has excellent speed (4.6) and hands, and runs well with the ball. Senior Robert Allsup (5-10, 190) is a three-year starter at LB who also missed several games with a broken thumb. Greg McGuire (6-2, 205), a junior with 4.7 speed, started as a soph at NG and could



develop into a college prospect within two years.

Senior Todd Bishop (5-10, 175) is one of the strongest (345 bench) Eagles in Flagstaff and started two years at DE, but missed seven games with a knee injury. Junior Chad Trott (6-1, 190) started at DT as a soph, like Bishop is very strong, and should be a super blocker for Gill as a fullback.

Senior Eddie Messman (5-8, 150) will help back up Caputo at QB and do the team's kicking. Safety Dan Bright (5-10, 160), SE Blue Van Dyke (5-7, 150) and SE Jeff Shearon (5-9, 160) should add senior leadership and experience. The

rest of Coach Craig Holland's lineup will be filled with juniors: DE Thad Wright, DB Dennis Ashcraft, OC Geoff Holmes, CB Devin Rhoton, LB Robbie Montoya (5-7, 165), WB Chad Plain (5-7, 155), OG Mike Freer (6-0, 180) and FS Chris Schaeffer (6-1, 170), another backup QB.

The Eagles have a perfect mixture of vets and young players. The future looks bright. The past wasn't too bad, either. Since 1978, Flagstaff, under coaches Hadley Hicks, Larry Gray, Rick Smith and Holland have finished 8-3, 9-3, 11-1, 12-0-1, 9-3, 11-1, 9-2-1, 9-2 and 6-4. That's an .816 winning percentage, second only to Round Valley's .880. And four of those clubs, 1981-84, were state champs.

So were they in 1934-35, coached by Rollen Wheeler. He would be proud of the Eagle's recent success. Half the town of Flagstaff is.



Payson, coached by Terry Nodlinski, won the 1981 Class B state title and found themselves in the 1986 Class A championship game. But this time Snowflake beat them in a defensive battle, 7-0, finishing their season at 9-4.

"We made things happen and it resulted in a great year for us," recalls Nodlinski, one of northern Arizona's winningest coaches. "We have some quality players returning and we could surprise some people again."

Two of the better Longhorns are WR Troy Nodlinski (5-10, 150), the coach's son, and FS Keven Rush (6-1, 160), like Nodlinski a senior. Both earned honorable mention all-state honors as juniors. Rush is one of the fastest players in the league with 4.6 forty speed. Nodlinski runs a 4.9.

Payson also returns one of the better fullbacks in the north, 6-2, 190-pound senior Greg Alexander. The QB in the Longhorns' I-formation will also be a senior, 5-10, 160-pound John Martin. On defense, senior Brodie Scott (5-9, 155)

will join Rush in the secondary to give Payson two strong deep backs.

Center Jason McKeen (6-0, 180), tackles Mike Biesmeyer (6-2, 210) and Russ Cubbison (6-2, 225), and TE Robbie Engstrom (6-0, 170) have good size and experience. Eric Anderson (5-9, 160), although small in size, is a capable LB/TE. Chris Peddie (5-11, 170) is the team's wingback. All are seniors.

The coaching staff is excited about all 19 of last year's returning lettermen, but thrilled to death with about one dozen members from last year's 8-0 JV club: Kane Greenwade, Carl Whittle, Mark Hochstetler, Brannon King, Cutter Holt, Jerry Taylor, Troy Alexander, Brian Ross, Brian Fenney and David Coyne, to name a few.



Snowflake didn't skip a beat. They were ranked No. 1 in the state at preseason and finished that way after beating Payson 7-0 in the Class A finals. They beat Safford in the quarterfinals and Buckeye in the semis, finishing 12-1 on the season.

The Lobos only loss in a near-perfect campaign was 7-6 to Flagstaff in the third game in September. A bigger loss came in the spring, when head coach Rich Hoyt left to take a coaching job in Phoenix. Hoyt was 29-6-1 in three years at Snowflake, an .829 winning percentage. The Lobos were co-champs with Round Valley in 1985.

Hoyt may be gone, but 16 lettermen with playoff experience are back, including big TE Tom Baldwin (6-5, 210), QB Shan Stratton (5-10, 155), TB Jon Peterson (5-9, 150), LB Brian Hall (5-9, 165), OC Warren Simpson (6-0, 190) and two-way tackle Jason Gibson (6-2, 200).

Snowflake's kicking game looks sound with punters Ramo Caddo and Chris Huff in the lineup. Not only did the varsity win the state championship, but the JV team finished 7-2. The varsity turnout in August should again be high. Lobo fans can look for Bud Heath, Evan Larson, Glen Fullmer, Rick Turley, Mason Davis, Justin Lewis, Ty Linn, Mark Wilson, Brad Wilson, Weston Perkins, Karl Bakaer and Travis Tenney to show up in good shape.



Holbrook was a real good 7-3 last year, 5-2 in conference play, and one dozen Roadrunners are back for another round. "We have a good group of backs, but need help on the line," says Charlie Esquibel, winner of more than 100 games as a varsity coach. "We play in a very tough, competitive league."

Since QB Mike Budenholzer (6-1, 170) is back, Holbrook has to be a strong favorite to make the playoffs. He's one of the best in the north. Other key returning players include OT Trent Kartsner (6-3, 230) and WR Scott Alexander (5-10, 165), both seniors with all-league potential. Halfback Lee Smith, CB/TE B.J. Little, safety Brian Swanson, center Carty James and halfback David McGee are others to watch.



The Elks, 8-3-1 last year, lost two key players, senior Tim Landers through graduation, and junior QB Drayton Martin, who moved to Mesa. That leaves two big holes to fill. "We could have a fine team if we can develop a quarterback," insists Tot Workman, who may be two years away from his 200th victory.

If Round Valley foes think they are seeing double they are right. The Elks will start twins Morgan (6-4, 215) and Stuart (6-4, 210) Johnson in the lineup. Both seniors, they are two-year players with good size and strength.

The rest of the varsity will look up to HB Doug Udall (5-10, 160), DB Eddie Meek (5-9, 160), OG Ken Robertson (5-11, 190), OT Jason Eager (6-4, 220), only a junior, SE Gabe Maxwell (6-0, 160) and FB David Hill (6-0, 180), a potential all-stater.



Coconino, under first-year coach Tony Sutera, is trying to bounce back into the

1987 Northern Arizona Top 20

1. Flagstaff Eagles
2. Payson Longhorns
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16. Ganado Hornets
17. Parker Broncos
18. Mohave Thunderbirds
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20. Williams Vikings



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Salutes The Northern Arizona Players of the Year

1986..Tim Landers, Round Valley, T
 1985..David Winsley, Flagstaff, RB
 1984..David Winsley, Flagstaff, RB(jr)
 1983..Audie McKee, Coconino, QB
 1982..Gary McEwen, Snowflake, QB
 1981..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, RB
 1980..Greg Topp, Flagstaff, QB
 1979..Greg Turner, Flagstaff, RB
 1978..Billy Hatcher, Williams, RB
 1977..Billy Hatcher, Williams, RB(jr)
 1976..Willard Reeves, Coconino, RB
 1975..Danny Beckwith, Page, RB
 1974..Ray Smith, Coconino, RB
 1973..Dwain Smith, Winslow, RB
 1972..Carl Russell, McNary, QB
 1971..Mark Hamblin, Round Valley, RB/DB
 1970..Dillard Nelson, Williams, RB
 1969..Tom Gillmore, Winslow, LB
 1968..Roosevelt Van, Winslow, B
 1967..Jerry Russell, McNary, HB
 1966..Bill White, Kingman, T
 1965..Alex Nish, Kingman, C
 1964..Mike Madeo, Winslow, FB
 1963..James Dugan, Flagstaff, HB/DB
 1962..James Dugan, Flagstaff, DB(jr)
 1961..Jack Miller, Flagstaff, DB
 1960..Preston Dragons, Flagstaff, E
 1959..Lance Penrod, Lakeside, QB



Coconino's Ray Smith, 1974 all-stater.

1958..Joe Spear, Snowflake, HB
 1957..Lonnie Lund, Round Valley, HB
 1956..Bob Rothlisberger, St. Johns, E
 1955..Charles Jones, Prescott, RB
 1954..Charles Jones, Prescott, RB(jr)
 1953..Paul McCormick, Winslow, RB
 1952..J.B. Brown, Flagstaff, E
 1951..Don Stuart, Flagstaff, G
 1950..Garland Neal, Flagstaff, FB
 1949..Buster Madariaga, Round Valley, RB
 1948..John Lowry, Seligman, E
 1947..Marc Smith, Williams, T
 1946..Roy Campbell, Prescott, B
 1945..Milan Kalember, Prescott, B
 1944..Bob Knight, Prescott, T
 1943..Ysmael Torrez, Clarkdale, B
 1942..Gene McDougall, Williams, E
 1941..Don Corbitt, Prescott, C
 1940..Charles Perrill, Kingman, T
 1939..Ralph Moran, Jerome, B
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championship form of old. After a 4-5-1 finish in '86, improvement is the name of the game. Twenty-two returning lettermen, the most of any school in the north, help paint a positive picture. And the junior varsity finished 6-2-0.

"We will be strong on defense and with our kicking," warns Sutura. "That is encouraging. But we lack experience at most skill positions, have below average size and average team speed."

Since the Panthers, like their rivals Flagstaff High, play all home games indoors at Northern Arizona University, maybe the fast turf will solve that problem. Still, Sutura has several standout players to get his career off on a winning note.

Best of the lot appears to be all-conference TE Chris Weller (6-2,200), a senior who doubles at LB. Linebacker Antonio Cortes (5-9,170) is small, but led the team in unassisted tackles. Deep back Andy Wachter (5-9,180) is an excellent pass defender. Tackle Ralph Sedillo (6-2,180) is an excellent interior lineman. RB Reggie Hannah (5-9,150) is the leading returning ball carrier, and a tough runner to boot.

Wide receiver Myron Hansen (5-9, 150) is the fastest player (4.6) on the team. He averaged 26.0 yards per catch and tied a state record with a 99-yard kickoff return against Glendale Independence.



Lee Barnes took over the program again for one year, guiding Lake Havasu through a 6-3 campaign, but this season the head coach will be Damon Becker. The Knights lost 22 seniors, so Becker will have his hands full in his first outing.

"We will be a young team," warns the new boss. "But we could do well if the juniors can handle the pressure. They were 5-3 as sophomores. And we need to rebuild our line."

The Knights do return all-conference FB/LB Mike Madaras (5-11,180) and kicker Wright Penniman (5-10,160), who made 35 of 36 PATS, and three of five field goals, with a longest of 40 yards.

Center Butch Mitchell (5-11,185) is one of the team's strongest players, junior TB Tony Zita (5-8,150) is the fastest (4.5) and QB/RB/LB is one of the most talented. Lake Havasu fans can also expect a good season from brothers Bill

and Mike Von Kolon, LB Jim Gates, junior OT Brett Jones (6-0,210), junior NG Corey Gifford (5-8,205) and DE Doug Sanip, an all-league selection as a junior and the area's best pole vaulter during the spring.



The Badgers, coached by Bill Gahn, finished 6-6 after two playoff games. Most of Prescott's roster picked up a diploma last June, but Guy Grover (5-11,175), a WR/RB/DB with 4.6 speed is back. So is QB Mike McMahon (6-0,185), the team's punter. With an experienced QB, a good kicking game, and a speedy (4.6) back in Grover, Prescott could be back in the playoffs. And the junior varsity finished 6-2-0.

The remaining underclassmen on last year's roster include David Sullins, Tyler Williams, Mark Ott, Aaron Overton, Clint Ross, Robbin Peterson, Brad Fain, Ted Symonds, Thad Rummage and Brett Simmons.



Art Griffith, long-time coach at Winslow High School, enters his third season as the football mentor. The Bulldogs were 4-4-2 last fall, playing four games without a starting quarterback, who was hurt.

"We should be better," insists Griffith, who greets 15 squad members and a good collection of juniors from a 6-3 JV club. "Senior Germaine Mayberry is an outstanding player. Our line will be better. But we may be a year away."

Mayberry, a 6-0, 175-pound RB/DB with 4.5 speed, is one of the best backs in northern Arizona. Another tough 'Dog is FB/LB Mike Hardy (6-0,185), a senior with 4.7 speed. Winslow always has good skill players, and this year is no exception: WR Carl Dobbins, QB Todd Aberle, DB Jack Pollard,

CB Bret Stewart, SE Tyrone Mayberry, RB Derek Landand and RB Quentin Hayes are small but quick Bulldogs. But improvement must come in the line play. Coach Griffith hopes seniors Pat Ruiz, James Rockwell and Robert Gon-

zales show team leadership. However, several of the top linemen are underclassmen, including two-way tackle Craig Plucker (6-2,230), and OT/LB Paul Baca.

The Bulldogs have always been strong in football, winning more than 400 games since 1920. One former coach, Emil Nasser, won 224 games by himself, between 1947 and 1981. The state record is 226 by the late Edgar "Mutt" Ford of Mesa High fame.



Coach Gary Thompson guided the Wildcats through an 8-2 campaign in 1986, his first as head coach at Chinle. It was the most wins ever at the school and the first season above .500 in 15 years.

Although 16 lettermen return, the most important is QB/DB Trent Thompson (6-0,185), the coach's son. A major college prospect, Trent was a first-team all-state punter as a junior, averaging 46.4 yards per kick. He scored 18 touchdowns and tossed 18 TD passes. In a rout of Red Mesa, the Wildcats QB scored six touchdowns and 38 points.

He completed 59.6 percent of his passes, and passed for 1,633 yards and 16 touchdowns. He rushed for 1,202 yards. As a defender, he intercepted four in one game-three in the first quarter. His teammates picked off seven passes in the Red Mesa game. A transfer student who will help give Thompson that needed protection in the backfield is tackle Rick Coronado (6-4,290), a senior with 5.3 forty speed, not bad for a youngster of that size.



Ray Smith, a former Coconino High and NAU star, is trying to build Kingman into a football power in his fourth year at the helm. The Bulldogs had trouble with the offense last year and it showed in the won-loss column: 3-7-0.

"We were a poor hitting team early," explains Smith. "We have good talent in the backfield. We have a good defense. If we can build some offensive linemen to block for our good backs we'll be better."



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***Payson Football Boosters Salute
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Trevor Vanderplatts (6-2,200) doubles at HB/LB and is a good one. So is FB/LB Mike Goodwin (6-2,205), OG/LB Robert Esquibel (6-1,195) and DT Billy Lonon (6-2,205), who is also the team's center. All four are seniors. And all four run 40 yards in 4.9 seconds or faster.



The Warriors finished second (5-1) in their conference, and finished 8-3 on the season after a short playoff trip. All this came about in Floyd Haven's first year. "We got the program headed in the right direction," claims Tuba City's head coach, who watched his JV team finish 7-0-0. "There's plenty of room for improvement. We're optimistic. But we'll be moving up to a larger class."

Although the main men on the attack, quarterback and middle linebacker, will be juniors, seniors with playoff experience will carry the mail. QB Jerrery Tallsalt (5-9,165) and LB Peterson Wilson (6-2,165) are the juniors. Fullback Byron Harvey (5-8,170), OT Darby Walters (5-10,195) and RB Dale Begay (5-9,155) are experienced seniors. Also watch for Fredrick Mahkewa, a 245-pound tackle, and Sean Holliday, the team's tight end.



What a turn-a-round. Mingus Union lost five of their first six games. They finished 5-5-0. Like Tuba City, Mingus will be moving up to Class AAA-2, and Bill Rudolph has 16 lettermen to work with.

The Marauders have two college prospects in DE Randy Blum (6-4,230) and LB Richard Baldwin (6-1,215), who also doubles at halfback. Both run 40 yards in 4.9 seconds, and Blum is only a junior. Steve Moncibaez, the team's QB, Alan Reeves and Chris Williamson, two linebackers, are other players to watch. Reeves also plays FB, Williamson SE.



Blue Ridge played hard and beat some good teams during a 4-6 campaign which could have easily been 6-4. And the upcoming season looks excellent with 19 lettermen and a junior varsity which finished 6-1-0. Coach Paul Moro has two of the better players in the north in tackle John Acosta (6-4,250) and RB Jeff Holly (5-8,155), a junior with 4.6 speed. Acosta and linemen Sonny Stidham (6-2,235) and David Malcom (6-2,210) are three of the strongest Yellowjackets on campus. Junior Ed Shumate (6-1,160) and senior Richard Scoggins (6-5,190) are two good receivers.

Domed Stadium Wins Approval

A proposed domed football stadium for the Round Valley Unified School District in northeastern Arizona won voter approval last spring. Voters in Apache County approved the \$11 million dome 1,056 votes to 724.

They also approved an additional \$14.5 million in bond money to construct new elementary schools in nearby Eagar and Springerville, and remodel Round Valley High School, by a 3-1 ratio.

Teachers also were taken care of, as district voters approved a \$446,505 override, which means an 8% salary increase. But the talk of the town on May 20 was the dome, believed to be the only one of its kind in the country used primarily for high school sports. Arizona's only other dome is the Walkup Skydome on the campus of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. It is the home field for the Lumberjacks' football team, but is also shared by local high schools Coconino and Flagstaff.

Things really changed in northeastern Arizona with the coming of the Springerville Generating Station, and its two electric companies, Tucson Electric Power Co. and the Alamito Company. With this came an additional \$277 million in as-

sessed valuation and more than 80 percent of the total valuation in the district.

As a result, voters in the district will pick up about 16 percent of the tab for the dome and school additions. Robert McKenzie, the district's superintendent, says the 120-foot-high dome, which will seat 5,000 for football and 3,500 for basketball, will be built in Eagar near the current high school.

Needless to say, it will be a shot in the arm for the athletic program at Round Valley High School. Not that it really needed one. Under the direction of Tot Workman, the Elks have produced the winningest football team in northern Arizona in the past decade.

So strong is Workman's program that last year's 8-3-1 finish was the worst winning percentage since 1977, Lonnie Estes' last year on the job. Since then the Elks have won three state championships and have produced five teams which have lost no more than one game each season.

Workman himself is the fifth winningest coach in Arizona history, winning 181 games during his career entering the current 1987 campaign. Only three coaches have won 200 or more games.



"We had a good year," says Ganado head coach Mike Morgan, whose Hornets finished 6-4-0. "But we should have gone 9-1. We lost three games by a total of six points, two in overtime."

College coaches should take at least one look at OT Ray Tso (6-4,240) and OG Ron Thompson (6-1,200). Both are tough players, hard workers and hustle on every play. Although small in size, center Joe Hardy (5-10,160) is another tough Hornet. Ganado also has three hard running backs: QB Ron Williams, HB Harlow Smith and HB Cal Curley. All three run 40 yards in 4.8 seconds.



Snowflake's Richard Hoyt guided the Lobos to the 1986 state championship, but has since packed his bags and moved to Glendale. He's now the head coach at Independence.



Tom Hurt, who has won 70 games in the profession, has very little to say about Mohave's 2-8 season last fall. It was his first year with the Thunderbirds, 1-9 before he arrived, and one full year of weights and discipline should improve the matter. Hurt's club will be strong in the trenches, with tackles Jeff Seaney (6-4,225) and Walt Hemingway (6-4,230) anchoring the line. Senior Gary Smith (6-1,200) is a hard-driving FB with 4.7 speed. Junior Mike Crumrine started at QB as a sophomore.

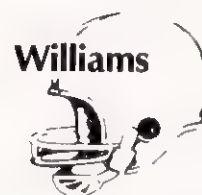
"We are right now trying to get established in a routine," says Hurt, who guided Ray High of Kearny to the Class A finals in 1979. "Everybody is now expected to lift, train and pass school. Out of 41 on the varsity, 37 are lifting at least

three days a week. We have come a long way, but still have a long way to go."

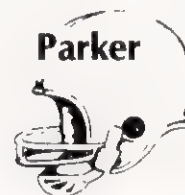


The Bears return one of the best line-backers in northern Arizona, senior all-stater Mike Brown, a 5-10,170-pound defensive stalwart. Bradshaw Mountain, coached by Steve Moran, finished a near-perfect season with a 10-2 record after falling to Willcox in the Class B semis, 14-0. Moran, son of former Wickenburg legend Ralph Moran, has gone 7-2, 5-4-1 and 10-2 after taking over a program which didn't win a game in 1983. However, this fall the Bears move up a notch in competition, and face the likes of Buckeye, Payson, Mingus Union and Phoenix Gerard, to name a few. Besides Brown, Moran returns several other all-

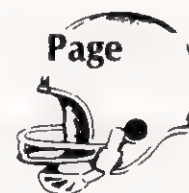
league performers, including LB Brian Clinton (5-10,175) and OG Tracy Woodruff (5-8,160).



Williams, which produced Houston Astro star Billy Hatcher, an all-stater in football with the Vikings, hit hard-times with a 3-6 season. The varsity lost three games by one point, but Scott Gayman watched his JV club go unbeaten, so help is on the way. It should come in the form of HB Allen Brown (6-0,165), FB Greg Ware (6-0,170), OG Keith Perkins (6-0,180) and OT Travis Glaab (6-1,180). These four Vikings will be the key to Williams' success or failure.



It's been a tough few years for the Broncos. Parker finished 3-7 last fall, the worst campaign in Sam Cessna's career at the school. And since the junior varsity finished 1-6-0 the going looks rough. But one bright spot comes in the form of senior Phillip Lovejoy (6-3,200), one of the best tackles in a tough league. Teammates Armando Baldenegro (6-1,180) and Dusty Miller (5-11,160) are quality linemen. The team's QB and top running back will be juniors, Bud Nelson (6-3,200) and Lahanegi McDonald (5-10,190).



Page, always a strong football school, finished 7-3-1 and should again be competitive in a new league. Coach Jim Burton, 61-24-1 at Page, returns one of the better overall players in the region in QB/DB Keola Bandmann (5-10,185), a

As Jon Peterson (22) heads up field, Shan Stratton punts against Blue Ridge in 1986 homecoming game, won by Snowflake, 43-22.



senior with 4.7 speed. In front of Bandmann the Sand Devils have two of the biggest linemen around in tackles Greg Gibson (6-3,257) and Robert Berrier (6-2,205), only a junior.

The rest of the Devils' starting lineup includes the likes of FB Jason Yazzie, DB Matt Parry, DB Jeremy Thatcher, TE Brett Marcum, SE Aaron Fisher, and RB Sean Harris, a 6-0, 170-pound junior. Burton's junior varsity finished on a winning note, 5-2-0, so those incoming juniors should supply the varsity with depth.



Wickenburg, 3-7-0 under Paul Neston, returns only 15 letter winners, so hard work will be needed to break even in 1987. The Wranglers reached the state finals in 1979 under the late Ralph Moran. Since that game it's been downhill.

Neston's crew will try to rebound with the likes of RB Mike Herskowitz (5-9,165), WR Shawn Harrah (6-0,170), PK Greg Martin (5-11,190) and Keith Horswill (6-0,185), the team's center. All are seniors except kicker Martin, a junior.



Show Low has dipped into the Class C ranks to try a rebuild their football program. New head coach Gary Mauldin moves in from 8-man football with a four-year record at Elfrida Valley Union of 37-5-0, an .881 winning percentage. Both his 1985 club (11-0) and 1986 squad (9-2) were state champs. He'll have his hands full, trying to work with a program which has won only four games in the past two years.



Camp Verde finished 3-7-0 last fall, so improvement is the name of the game. Coach Brad Reed returns 20 lettermen, more than half the roster, so the future looks bright. If the Cowboys discover a defense before their opener with Seton Catholic, a good season is on the horizon.

Although only a junior, TB Steve Stone (6-2,200) is one of the best runners in the area. He runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds and could bust the 1,000-yard barrier if he stays healthy. The rest of the roster includes Pat Gates, Brett Hood, Joel Westervelt, Scott Crane, Cody Forrester, Pat Stewart, Randy Johnson and Jesse Alvey, to name a few. Crane is a 6-2,215-pound tackle.



Coach Bob Miller, 31-5-0 at Orme since 1983 is 69-18-1 overall with the Warriors. He's 101-61-7 altogether, coaching in Ohio and the Grand Canyon State. His club finished 7-2-0 last fall, and four real good players are back, all seniors: QB Ted Okie (5-9,150), TB Chris Couch (6-0,180), TE Hunter Holley (6-1,185) and HB C. D. Carmichael (5-9,140). After the Warriors lost four

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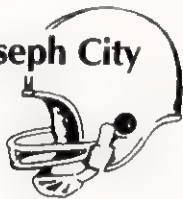
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As Flagstaff players stare in disbelief, automatic sprinklers come on during 7-6 win over Snowflake in 1986 game at Snowflake. It was the Lobos only loss during a 12-1 season.

games in Miller's first stint in 1977, they haven't lost more than three in any one year since. They were 9-0 in 1983.

Joseph City



Joseph City, coached by Dave McLaren, had a good year, tying for the confer-

ence title but falling in the playoffs to finish 8-2-0. The Class C power has one of the better players in 8-man ball returning in senior end Steve McLaren, the coach's son who earned all-state honors as a DB. Good size (6-0,185) and speed (4.7) make him a threat on every play. He caught 59 passes for 859 yards in 1986. On defense he intercepted 12 passes.

The rest of the Wildcats lineup includes end Jim Edwards (6-2,170), tackle Pat Torsak (5-11,190), tackle Norman Morris (5-11,250), QB Doug McLaren (5-9,140), HB B.J. Hulsey (5-10,150), and LB Loren Pierce (5-11,160), to name a

few. Joseph City appears to have more size than most 8-man teams.

Mayer



Another strong 8-man team in the north is Mayer, coached by Vince Cahill. The Wildcats lost only to Joseph City and Northwest Community Christian. "We would have liked to have played those two schools later in the season," says Cahill, winner of more than 100 games in the prep ranks. "Although we will miss a number of fine players, we expect to be a contender again." The 'Cats were 7-2 last year.

Cahill has one of the best all-round players in Class C ball in junior Clint Cross (6-2,170), a LB/RB/QB who earned all-state honors as a sophomore. Another good two-way performer is senior Bill Waterworth (5-7,155), a DB/RB with 4.8 speed. Like Joseph City, Mayer has good size with OG Kelly Hollingsworth (6-2,195), OG Mike Burns (6-0,165), OC Walt Statler (6-0,215), SE Bill Lamb (6-2,170) and DB Gary Smith (6-0,150) in the lineup.

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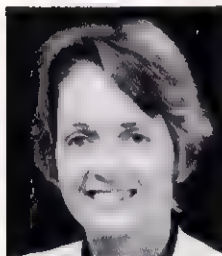


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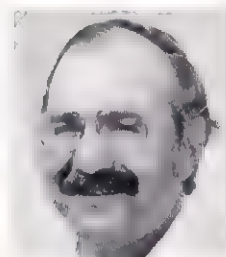
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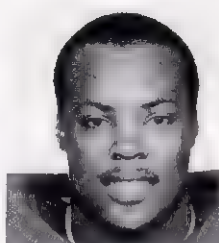
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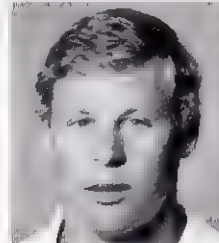
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Mike Hicks,
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TOUCHDOWNS(SEASON)

- 35..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 29..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 25..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)
- 22..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 21..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1980(jr)
- 19..Ray Smith, Coconino, 1974
- 19..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1976

TOUCHDOWNS(CAREER)

- 62..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85
- 59..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81
- 47..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1961-63
- 35..Ray Smith, Coconino, 1973-74

TOUCHDOWNS(GAME)

- 5..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 5..David Trueblood, Coconino, 1981
- 5..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 5..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 4..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 4..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1976
(2nd half)

POINTS(SEASON)

- 229..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 180..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 155..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 150..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)
- 116..Ray Smith, Coconino, 1974
- 114..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1976

POINTS(CAREER)

- 377..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81
- 372..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85
- 315..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1960-63
- 220..Ray Smith, Coconino, 1973-74

POINTS(GAME)

- 34..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 34..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 30..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1976
- 30..David Trueblood, Coconino, 1981
- 30..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985

RUSHING YARDS(SEASON)

- 2,187..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)
- 2,114..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 2,110..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 1,646..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1980(jr)
- 1,605..Ray Smith, Coconino, 1963

RUSHING YARDS(CAREER)

- 4,880..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85
- 4,461..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81
- 2,739..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1960-63
- 2,610..Ray Smith, Coconino, 1973-74
- 2,148..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1975-76

RUSHING YARDS(GAME)

- 329..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 303..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)
- 294..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 256..Casper Rice, Coconino, 1979
- 247..Ray Smith, Coconino, 1974
(AA title game)
- 238..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1976
- 220..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1976

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY

- 14.1..Jewell Russell, Coconino, 1978(jr)
- 13.4..Mike Gonzalez, Flagstaff, 1983
- 11.0..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 10.8..Jewell Russell, Coconino, 1979

AVERAGE YARDS PER GAME

- 192.2..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 182.3..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)
- 162.3..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 150.0..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1980(jr)
- 145.9..Ray Smith, Coconino, 1974
- 131.4..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1976
- 126.7..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

- 99..Bob Bledsoe, Flagstaff, 1963
- 96..David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 94..Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 89..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 81..Jewell Russell, Coconino, 1978(jr)
- 80..Willard Reaves, Coconino, 1975(jr)
- 80..Jim Baca, Coconino, 1984(jr)

PASSING YARDS(SEASON)

- 2,098..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
- 1,822..Dave Davison, Coconino, 1984
- 1,660..Vinnie Zanzucchi, Flagstaff, 1983
- 1,643..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1982(jr)
- 1,600..Randy McKee, Coconino, 1980
- 1,504..Dave Davison, Coconino, 1983(jr)

PASSING YARDS(CAREER)

- 3,741..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1982-83(2)

- 3,326..Dave Davison, Coconino, 1984-85(2)
- 2,098..Marty McKee, Coconino, 1974-76
- 2,027..Randy McKee, Coconino, 1979-80

PASSING YARDS(GAME)

- 354..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
- 274..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
- 273..Dave Davison, Coconino, 1985
- 255..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
- 248..Dave Davison, Coconino, 1984(jr)
- 242..Vinnie Zanzucchi, Flagstaff, 1983

TOUCHDOWN PASSES(SEASON)

- 23..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
- 19..Vinnie Zanzucchi, Flagstaff, 1983
- 18..Greg Topp, Flagstaff, 1980
- 18..Randy McKee, Coconino, 1980
- 17..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1982(jr)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES(CAREER)

- 40..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1982-83
- 28..Marty McKee, Coconino, 1974-76
- 28..Dave Davison, Coconino, 1984-85
- 23..Randy McKee, Coconino, 1979-80

TOUCHDOWN PASSES(GAME)

- 6..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983
- 4..Randy McKee, Coconino, 1980
- 4..Audie McKee, Coconino, 1983

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

- 88..Marty McKee to Willard Reaves,
Coconino, 1976
- 85..Tim Salem to Lonnie Ganter,
Coconino, 1978
- 85..Jon Shereck to Brad Jenkins,
Coconino, 1986
- 78..Bob Bledsoe to James Dugan,
Flagstaff, 1963
- 78..Greg Topp to Nathan Joe,
Flagstaff, 1980

CATCHES(SEASON)

- 49..Gary Gonzales, Flagstaff, 1983
- 43..Gary Steffenson, Flagstaff, 1974
- 42..Phillip Miller, Coconino, 1983
- 36..Mark Cibik, Coconino, 1982
- 31..Bill Black, Coconino, 1980
- 31..Scott Cockerel, Coconino, 1985



Here he comes! Flagstaff's David Winsley turns the corner against Winslow and he's gone: 62 career touchdowns, 372 career points, 4,880 yards rushing. He's now at Arizona State.

CATCHES(CAREER)

- 46..Phillip Miller, Coconino, 1982-83
- 41..Pete Pulido, Coconino, 1983-84
- 40..Terry Mahan, Coconino, 1979-81
- 39..Bill Black, Coconino, 1978-80
- 36..Mark Cibik, Coconino, 1982

CATCHES(GAME)

- 10..Phillip Miller, Coconino, 1983
- 8..Loren Hills, Coconino, 1978
- 7..Nathan Joe, Flagstaff, 1980
- 7..Gary Gonzales, Flagstaff, 1983
- 7..Mike Gonzalez, Flagstaff, 1983

RECEIVING YARDS(SEASON)

- 823..Mark Cibik, Coconino, 1982
- 734..Phillip Miller, Coconino, 1983
- 696..Bill Black, Coconino, 1980
- 629..Brian Zanzucchi, Flagstaff, 1984
- 585..Nathan Joe, Flagstaff, 1980
- 519..Gary Gonzales, Flagstaff, 1983

RECEIVING YARDS(CAREER)

- 823..Mark Cibik, Coconino, 1982(1)
- 793..Phillip Miller, Coconino, 1982-83
- 782..Pete Pulido, Coconino, 1983-84
- 694..Terry Mahan, Coconino, 1979-81
- 668..Rick DeCosmo, Coconino, 1973-74

RECEIVING YARDS(GAME)

- 230..Phillip Miller, Coconino, 1983
- 177..Nathan Joe, Flagstaff, 1980
- 135..Rick DeCosmo, Coconino, 1980
- 123..Bill Black, Coconino, 1980
- 122..Brad Jenkins, Coconino, 1985(jr)
- 121..Pete Pulido, Coconino, 1983

TOUCHDOWN CATCHES(SEASON)

- 14..Mark Cibik, Coconino, 1982

- 10..Bill Black, Coconino, 1982

- 9..Phillip Miller, Coconino, 1983

TOUCHDOWN CATCHES(CAREER)

- 14..Mark Cibik, Coconino, 1982(1)
- 12..Rick DeCosmo, Coconino, 1973-74
- 12..Bill Black, Coconino, 1979-80

INTERCEPTIONS(SEASON)

- 10..George Pryer, Flagstaff, 1982
- 10..Eric Lane, Coconino, 1983
- 9..Matt Kendall, Flagstaff, 1980
- 8..Kevin Gould, Flagstaff, 1983

INTERCEPTIONS(GAME)

- 3..James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 3..Lesi Broyles, Coconino, 1984

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN

- 103..Greg Turner, Flagstaff, 1978
- 97..Matt Kendall, Flagstaff, 1980
- 82..Robert Pulido, Coconino, 1980(jr)

FIELD GOALS(SEASON)

- 9..Herik Mandel, Coconino, 1981(jr)
- 8..Faren Mandel, Flagstaff, 1982
- 7..Art Kerrick, Coconino, 1978
- 7..Herik Mandel, Coconino, 1982
- 6..Duane Portwood, Flagstaff, 1977
- 6..Faren Mandel, Flagstaff, 1983

FIELD GOALS(CAREER)

- 20..Herik Mandel, Coconino, 1980
- 14..Faren Mandel, Flagstaff, 1982-83

FIELD GOALS(GAME)

- 3..Art Kerrick, Coconino, 1978

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

- 51..Hank Lopez, Flagstaff, 1975

- 48..Allen Meacham, Coconino, 1984

- 47..Art Kerrick, Coconino, 1978

- 47..Allen Meacham, Coconino, 1983

- 46..Bobby Brooks, Coconino, 1986

PATS(SEASON)

- 57..Faren Mandel, Flagstaff, 1983
- 48..Faren Mandel, Flagstaff, 1982(jr)
- 48..Dawson Gofourth, Flagstaff, 1985
- 37..Keith Baker, Flagstaff, 1976
- 34..Dawson Gofourth, Flagstaff, 1986
- 33..Herik Mandel, Coconino, 1982

PATS(CAREER)

- 88..Herik Mandel, Coconino, 1980-82
- 63..Scott Ross, Coconino, 1974-76
- 63..Faren Mandel, Flagstaff, 1982-83

PATS(GAME)

- 7..Herik Mandel, Coconino, 1981(jr)
- 7..Allen Meacham, Coconino, 1984

LONGEST PUNT

- 75..Mike Hicks, Flagstaff, 1976
- 73..David Dawson, Coconino, 1985
- 68..Donald Penny, Coconino, 1986(jr)
- 67..Allen Meacham, Coconino, 1984
- 66..Art Kerrick, Coconino, 1977

LONGEST FUMBLE RECOVERY(TD)

- 85..Rick Brenfleck, Coconino, 1968
(AA title game)
- 82..Dale McPhetridge, Coconino, 1974(jr)
(AA title game)

LONGEST PUNT RETURN(TD)

- 96..Andrew Porter, Flagstaff, 1985

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN(TD)

- 99..Myran Hansen, Coconino, 1986(jr)

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The school's energetic coach, Nick Hyder, has continued the great tradition built by legendary Wright Bazemore, and continued by former head coach Charlie Greene.

Between 1941 and 1971, Bazemore won 268 games, lost 51 and tied seven. That's a .833 winning percentage in 28 years of football which also produced 14 state championships and three mythical national crowns. Greene followed him with 9-1 and 8-2 seasons, a .850 winning mark.

Under Hyder last season, Valdosta was rated the best high school football team in the United States by both the National Sports News Service, which has



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In 1971, Tucson's Kelly Langford scores for the Badgers, the No. 11-ranked high school team in the land. No. 1? Valdosta, Georgia.

1986 Top Twenty Prep Poll

1. Valdosta, GA (15-0)
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6. Encino Crespi, CA (13-1)
7. Spokane Gonzaga Prep, WA (12-0)
8. Buffalo Grove, IL (14-0)
9. Central Bucks West, PA (11-0)
10. Knoxville Austin-East, TN (15-0)
11. Los Angeles Carson, CA (11-1)
12. Ruston, LA (14-0)
13. Kansas City Rockhurst, MO (11-1)
14. Wilmington Banning, CA (11-1)
15. Omaha Creighton Prep, NB (11-1)
16. Manitowoc Lincoln, WI (12-0)
17. Hempstead, NY (10-0)
18. Lawrence, KS (12-0)
19. Little Rock Central, AR (12-1)
20. Trumbull, CT (13-0)

rated the teams since 1927, and the USA Today.

In 1986, the Wildcats swept to the state championship with a solid 15-0 record, giving Hyder a 143-24-1 slate since 1974, an .856 winning percentage. Valdosta has now won 19 Georgia football crowns, four "mythical" national crowns, and is only one of four high schools in the United States to win more than 600 high school football games.

Valdosta, population 43,000, won those 19 state crowns in 45 seasons. Its 12,000-seat Cleveland Field sells out every game. Season gate receipts total \$250,000. "Football is king here," says former player Ernest Nijem, now the town's mayor. "The only way to get a reserve seat to a game is if someone dies."

Since 1913, Valdosta is 619-129-33 on the gridiron. Only Little Rock Central, Arkansas, and Washington High in Massillon, Ohio, have won more.

Ironically, Little Rock Central won it all again in Arkansas. Nicknamed the Tig-

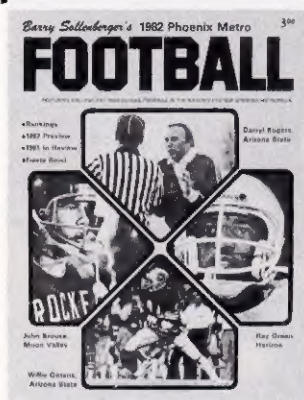
ers, Coach Bernie Cox's crew finished 12-1 while winning their 29th state championship since 1907. Central, national champs in 1946 and 1957, should win their 700th game in the near future. In the past half-century, the Tigers have played every prep power in the South...except Valdosta.

Other great accomplishments last fall were turned in by Cherry Creek of Englewood, Colorado, winning their third 4A crown since 1982, Kansas City Rockhurst, winners of the Missouri 5A title for the third time since 1981, and Lawrence, Kansas, recording their 29th undefeated season - a national record by a mile. Lawrence was the 1960 national champions after winning 45 games in a row.

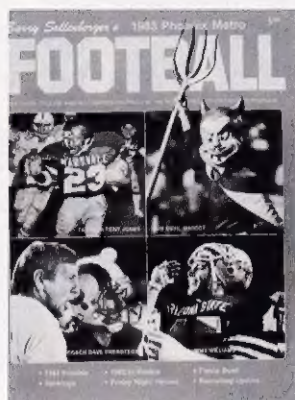
Omaha Creighton Prep, No. 14 in the U.S.A. in 1985, finished 11-1 and won their 10th state title in Nebraska. Doylestown Central Bucks West has won 32 games in a row in Pennsylvania, while Manitowoc Lincoln has won 38-straight in Wisconsin.

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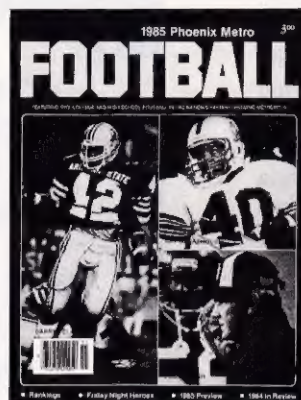
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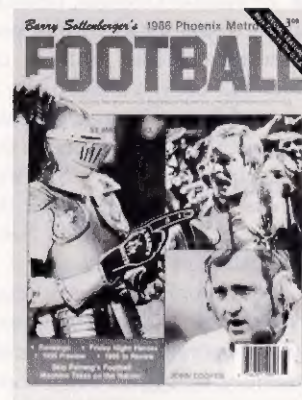
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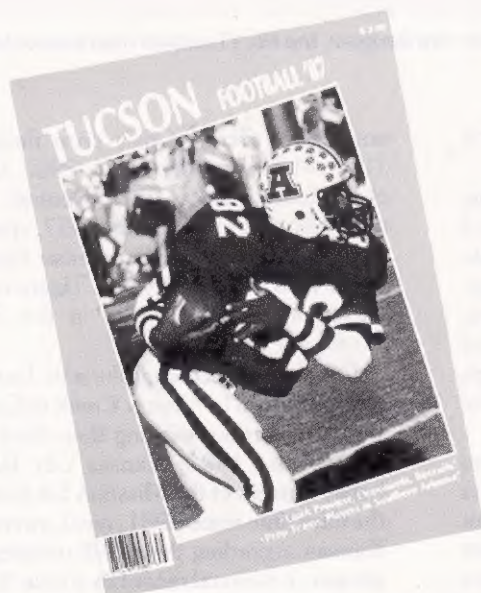
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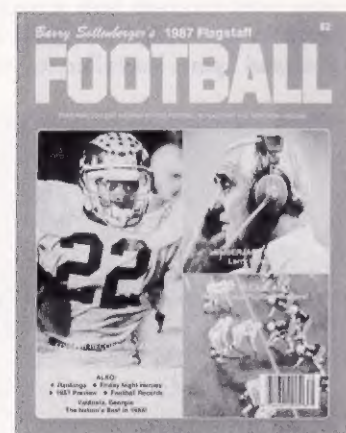
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